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PROTECTION AND SAFETY

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To: Protection and Safety Administrators
Protection and Safety Supervisors
Protection and Safety Workers

From: Todd Reckling, Administrator
Office of Protection and Safety

RE: "Reports of Child Abuse or Neglect – A Handbook for Parents"

Effective Date: Immediately

Duration: Until revised

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Attached is a new publication "Reports of Child Abuse or Neglect – A Handbook for Parents". This publication was based upon a Handbook that Eastern Service Area staff developed a number of years ago in collaboration with parents who had experienced having a report and investigation of child abuse or neglect. I want to extend my appreciation to the staff who had the insight to design a handbook that takes into account questions and perspectives of parents.

The Handbook is in the process of being printed. The printed copies will be distributed to Service Areas and Initial Assessment Workers are asked to provide a copy of the Handbook to each family they meet in conducting an initial assessment. Please convey to families that we are interested in their comments about whether the Handbook is helpful and if they have other questions that we should address.

Until the printed copies, Initial Assessment Workers are encouraged to print a limited quantity of the Handbook to give to families and to ask for their feedback.

If you have questions or suggestions about the Handbook, feel free to contact Shirley Pickens-White at shirley.pickenswhite@hhss.ne.gov or at 402-471-9196.